

House Bill 1058

By: Representatives Brown of the 69th, Knox of the 24th, and Forster of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 45-18-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuation of optional health care plans, so as to provide that certain health care plans writing optional supplemental health care insurance products for state agencies shall be approved to write optional supplemental health care insurance products for all state agencies; to provide that any department, agency, authority, county department of health, or local board of education may receive an administrative fee or service fee for certain services; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 45-18-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuation of optional health care plans, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) and adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(a) ~~The head of each department, agency, authority, or county department of health shall have the option to determine whether or not the employees within his respective agency shall continue any~~ Any optional supplemental health care insurance program that, is in operation on January 1, 1986, was in operation; was approved by any department, agency, authority, or county department of health; was written by any insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia for any optional supplemental health care insurance product or coverage; was for optional supplemental health care insurance products including, but not limited to, short term disability, cancer, accident, critical illness, and life insurance; and was offered to employees of any state departments, agencies, and authorities and county departments of health shall continue to be approved for all current and future employees of all state departments, agencies, and authorities and county departments of health. New optional employee benefit plans or any contracting with new or additional

1 insurers under existing plans that authorize the deduction or reduction of voluntarily
2 designated amounts, including insurance, from the salaries of the full-time employees must
3 be approved by the council after January 1, 1986, except that the Legislative Services
4 Committee may continue or approve any optional program for members of the General
5 Assembly and employees of the General Assembly."

6 "(d) Nothing in this Code section shall preclude any department, agency, authority, county
7 department of health, or local board of education from receiving an administrative or
8 service fee from any corporation licensed to transact business in this state as reimbursement
9 for the time and expense of administering any optional employee benefit plan."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
12 without such approval.

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.